

MINUTES

**CITY OF IMPERIAL BEACH
CITY COUNCIL
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PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY
HOUSING AUTHORITY
IMPERIAL BEACH REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY SUCCESSOR AGENCY**

MAY 4, 2016

**Council Chambers
825 Imperial Beach Boulevard
Imperial Beach, CA 91932
REGULAR MEETING– 6:00 P.M.**

REGULAR MEETING CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Dedina called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers present: Bilbray, Patton, Bragg
Councilmembers absent: None
Mayor Present: Dedina
Mayor Pro Tem Present: Spriggs
Staff Present: City Manager Hall, City Attorney Lyon, City Clerk Hald, Public Works Director Levien

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Gael Lara from Howard Pence Elementary School.

AGENDA CHANGES

Councilmember Spriggs suggested that in the future staff provide documents in “track changes” format to ensure changes to original documents are easily identifiable.

MAYOR/COUNCIL REIMBURSEMENT DISCLOSURE/COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS/REPORTS ON ASSIGNMENTS AND COMMITTEES

Councilmember Patton reported on his attendance at the Inaugural Imperial Beach Community Expo, Fiesta del Mar, and the South County Economic Development Council meeting. He announced the following upcoming events: Carnation Street Grunion Run on May 21, free boat and bus tours by the Port of San Diego, and the Crown Cove Aquatic Center Annual Open House on May 22. He also announced Randy Putland, a local resident, will appear on an upcoming episode of Shark Tank.

Councilmember Bragg invited everyone to the Breakwater Project Groundbreaking that will be held on May 5.

Mayor Pro Tem Spriggs reported on the success of the Fiesta del Mar event and recognized Mayor Dedina for initiating the Friendship Agreement between the Cities of Imperial Beach and Rosarito Beach. He spoke about pending legislation that would grant greater powers to the California Coastal Commission (CCC). The legislation would also add three new members whose purpose is to give the CCC perspective on low income communities and how environmental stewardship affects low income people. He commented on the possibility of the League not supporting the legislation because it grants additional powers to the CCC and imposes additional reporting responsibilities to the cities.

Mayor Dedina recognized everyone involved with making the Fiesta del Mar event a success. He announced the following upcoming events: the Amgen Tour on May 15, Global Wellness Day on June 11, a Crossfit competition in June, the Ironman 70.3 event, and the Sun and Sea Festival on July 15 and 16. He reported that he and Mayor Pro Tem Spriggs attended the previous SANDAG Board meeting where the proposed ½ cent sales tax initiative to fund public transportation and roadway improvements was approved. He also spoke about the problems associated with the continual closures of the Tijuana river mouth.

City Manager Hall provided details on the Amgen Tour.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY STAFF

Public Works Director Levien introduced Angel Rodriquez, the City's new Fleet Mechanic II.

City Planner Nakagawa announced a Sea Level Rise Workshop on May 11, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at the Tijuana River Estuary.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mark Camozzi, with dog Monique, spoke in support for a fenced dog park.

City Manager Hall encouraged Mr. Camozzi to attend the next Parks & Recreation Committee meeting where they will discuss the results of the Needs Assessment Survey.

PRESENTATIONS (1.1-1.3)

1.1 PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF MAY AS NEUROFIBROMATOSIS AWARENESS MONTH. (0410-30)

Mayor Dedina presented a proclamation to Susana Villegas, President of the Children's Tumor Foundation, in recognition of the month of May as Neurofibromatosis Awareness Month.

1.2 PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATION IN RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK – MAY 15-21, 2016. (0410-30)

Mayor Dedina presented a proclamation to Public Works Director Hank Levien in recognition of May 15-21, 2016 as National Public Works Week.

1.3 PRESENTATION ON NAVY MATTERS BY CAPTAIN MULVEHILL (NAVAL BASE CORONADO EXECUTIVE OFFICER). (0620-80)

Captain Mulvehill presented information on the Navy base and how to contact them. He reported on the installation of a Giant Voice System (an outdoor speaker system) and gave an update on the Coastal Campus. In response to questions of City Council, he stated that the Giant Voice System will only be used for Colors, Taps and emergencies. It will not be used for routine announcements.

City Council discussion included a request to place the Navy information on the City's website, to have the Navy give City Council regular updates, and to have drivers of slow Navy vehicles and construction vehicles pull over to allow drivers to pass.

CONSENT CALENDAR (2.1-2.4)

MOTION BY SPRIGGS, SECOND BY BRAGG, TO APPROVE CONSENT CALENDAR ITEM NOS. 2.1 THROUGH 2.4. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

2.1 RATIFICATION OF WARRANT REGISTER. (0300-25)

City Council ratified the warrant register.

- 2.2 ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2016-7700 AMENDING ARTICLES VI – COMPENSATION, SECTION 8 OVERTIME; VII – LEAVE OF ABSENCE, SECTION 3 HOLIDAY PAY, SECTION 4 VACATION ACCRUAL AND SECTION 5 SICK LEAVE; XII – RE-EMPLOYMENT, SECTION 2 SAFER OF THE CITY OF IMPERIAL BEACH PERSONNEL RULES. (0500-95)**

City Council adopted the resolution.

- 2.3 RESOLUTION NO. 2016-7702 APPROVING A PRICE ADJUSTMENT TO THE WEST COAST ARBORIST, INC. TREE MAINTENANCE SERVICES CONTRACT. (0940-60)**

City Council adopted the resolution.

- 2.4 ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2016-7704 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER VIA HIS DESIGNEE TO ACCEPT THE SOUTHWESTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT LIFEGUARD IN-SERVICE TRAINING REIMBURSEMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,990.60, AND THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY URBAN AREA SECURITY INITIATIVE (UASI) PRND EXERCISE PARTICIPATION AWARD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,785.00 FOR TRAINING REIMBURSEMENT. (0220-05 & 0390-84)**

City Council adopted the resolution.

Without dissension from City Council, both Item Nos. 3.1 and 4.1 were taken simultaneously and with separate votes.

ORDINANCES – INTRODUCTION/FIRST READING/PUBLIC HEARING (3.1)

- 3.1 PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER ORDINANCE 2016-1156 ADOPTING THE 5-YEAR (FY17 THRU FY21) SEWER SERVICE CHARGE. (0830-90)**

PUBLIC HEARINGS (4.1)

- 4.1 PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 2016-7703 SETTING THE SEWER CAPACITY FEE AT \$5,373. (0830-90)**

Mayor Dedina declared the public hearings open.

City Manager Hall gave a PowerPoint presentation on both Item Nos. 3.1 and 4.1.

Mayor Pro Tem Spriggs made a request to have Karen Keze summarize the analytical basis for the fee increases to ensure the public is aware of the substantial analysis that went into the study.

Mayor Dedina noted that the information was presented to City Council two times and the information regarding the proposed increase was made available to the public.

Karen Keze, of Keze Group LLC, gave a brief summary of the Sewer Service Charge Study and she spoke about the revenues needed to maintain and operate the sewer system.

Cheryl Quinones spoke in opposition to the increase.

Norman Lamssies questioned how SDG&E is associated with the pass through ordinance.

Mayor Dedina announced one written protest was received (from Cheryl Porter) and distributed it to City Council for their review.

MOTION BY DEDINA, SECOND BY BRAGG, TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARINGS. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

City Council discussion:

City Manager Hall responded to questions of City Council regarding the previous sewer rate increase, the difference between new development and a new business, the possible ways of handling a shortfall in the Sewer Enterprise Fund, and where Imperial Beach stands in comparison to other cities.

Councilmember Patton empathized with those that were concerned with the increase in rates and noted that the increase is being spread out over five years. He also stressed that there is balance in that the City gives back to the community by providing services such as the Sports Park, the Senior Center, and fitness parks.

In response to questions of Mayor Pro Tem Spriggs, Karen Keze stated some of the other participating cities are considering rate increases. She also stated that Imperial Beach will be in a good position at the end of the five year period and will not have to do anything drastic as far as continued increases for the Pure Water Program. With regard to the Pure Water Program, the cost allocation and details are still being worked out.

City Manager Hall explained the Enterprise Fund is a separate financial mechanism from the City and needs to be self-funded. He also explained the costs associated with bonds and why they should be avoided.

Councilmember Bragg assured the public that this issue isn't being taken lightly by the City Council. She stated the sewer system is the City's largest asset and stressed the need to maintain the system. She spoke in support of the item and stressed that the action taken is being fiscally responsible, prudent and wise.

Mayor Dedina said compared to other agencies, Imperial Beach is being honest and applauded the efforts of staff and City Council for doing the right thing. He called for the introduction of Ordinance No. 2016-1156.

City Clerk Hald read the title of Ordinance No. 2016-1156: An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Imperial Beach, California, adopting revised sewer service rates for sanitary sewer service and amending sections of Chapter 13.06 of the Imperial Beach Municipal Code pertaining to sewer service charges.

MOTION BY BILBRAY, SECOND BY SPRIGGS, TO DISPENSE WITH THE FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2016-1156 BY TITLE ONLY AND SET THE MATTER OF ADOPTION AT THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED CITY COUNCIL MEETING. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION BY BILBRAY, SECOND BY SPRIGGS, TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2016-7703 SETTING THE SEWER CAPACITY FEE FOR DEVELOPMENT IN THE CITY OF IMPERIAL BEACH AT \$5,373. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

PUBLIC HEARINGS (4.2)

4.2 PUBLIC HEARING ON RESOLUTION NO. 2016-7701 OF THE CITY OF IMPERIAL BEACH, CALIFORNIA ADJUSTING A REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION CONGESTION IMPROVEMENT PLAN (RTCIP) FEE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017. (0680-95)

Mayor Dedina declared the public hearing open.

Public Works Director Levien reported on the item.

No speaker slips were submitted.

City Manager Hall noted that this fee does not take effect until July 1, 2016.

Without dissention from City Council, Mayor Dedina closed the public hearing.

MOTION BY BRAGG, SECOND BY BILBRAY, TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 2016-7701 APPROVING THE INCREASE IN THE RTCIP TRANSPORTATION MITIGATION FEE CHARGED TO EACH NEW RESIDENTIAL DWELLING UNIT CONSTRUCTED IN IMPERIAL BEACH DURING FY 2016 FROM \$2,310 TO \$2,357. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

REPORTS

None.

I.B. REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY SUCCESSOR AGENCY REPORTS (6)

None.

ITEMS PULLED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR (IF ANY)

None.

ADJOURN REGULAR MEETING

Mayor Dedina adjourned the Regular Meeting at 7:32 p.m.

_____/s/
Serge Dedina,
Mayor

_____/s/
Jacque M. Hald, MMC
City Clerk